

Cactus bridge set to open soon

The Cactus Avenue bridge across Route 210 in Rialto is set to open in early April, pending good weather. The street has been closed to drivers since last May, when construction began on the

The completion of the bridge will allow the street to reopen to

traffic. In the interim, drivers have been detoured south to Baseline.

Crews are working on pavement grinding, joint sealing and fencing this week and will install sidewalks next week to prepare for the street opening in April.

The \$2.2 million bridge is the first to open under the current construction contract, with the exception of the Lilac pedestrian bridge, which opened last summer.



Construction crews are installing fencing this week and will be building sidewalks next week in preparation for the opening of the Cactus Avenue bridge across Route 210 in Rialto.

Easton Street connection nearly complete

Construction crews have nearly completed the connection of Easton Street to the new Highland Avenue bridge over Route 210 in Rialto, which should allow



the street to reopen soon. Easton Street has been closed between Riverside Avenue and Sycamore Avenue since February 6.

The work included the realignment of the street, storm drain improvements, the relocation of water lines and street lights and installation of curbs, gutters, driveways and sidewalks.

Final paving of the street will be done at the same time as the asphalt paving of the Highland Avenue bridge.

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Construction worker dies in site accident

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A construction site fatality occurred February 25 during work on the State Street storm drain in San Bernardino.

Leodegario Tellez, 33, of Moreno Valley, was killed when the wall of a giant pit caved in and trapped him beneath the dirt at about 7 p.m.

Workers were excavating the pit to install storm drain pipe beneath a large water line. Sandy soil contributed to the collapse of the dirt wall. The storm drain system is part of the Route 210 project.

Other workers tried to save Tellez's life by digging another pit to reach him, but were unsuccessful.

The California Occupational Health Safety Administration (CalOSHA) investigated the incident and approved work to resume the following morning. A final report is expected this spring. Preliminarily, it appears that all safety procedures were followed at the site.

SANBAG extends its sympathies to the Tellez family and the extended Atkinson Contractors family. Tellez is survived by a wife and three children.